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## News Notes

**Back to school** – In an effort to promote safety, parents of children attending Hickam Elementary School near Freedom Tower are reminded that their was a change in the school children drop off and pick up route. There is no parking on Julian Way or Julian Avenue. It is encouraged for those who live within walking distance from the school to consider walking to the school to minimize the traffic for those who live further away and need to drive.

**Team Hickam Annual Motorcycle Safety Briefing** – Attention all Team Hickam motorcyclists. The 15 AW Safety Office will host the Hickam AFB motorcycle safety briefing on 31 July 2009 at 1400 in the Base Theater. Per AFI 91-207 PACAF Sup 1, the installation motorcycle safety briefing is an annual requirement for all motorcyclists. Please contact your unit motorcycle monitor or the 15 AW Safety Office at 449-0749 with questions or concerns.

**Office Move** – 15 AW Public Affairs office is currently moving from Bldg 1110 to Bldg 1113. We appreciate your patience while we transfer our phone lines and media (ie, Commander's Access Channel, marquee, GOV computers). In addition, there will only be one eNotes edition for the week of July 20-24. For PA emergencies, call the PA on-call number, 479-5345.

**Road Work** – There will be trenching work for the Upgrade Electrical Distribution, Phase 5 on Fort Kamehameha Road from Bishop Point to Seaman Avenue from July 13 to July 25, 2009, Monday through Saturday from 0630 to 1500 hours. There will be a one lane closure, so please plan accordingly. POC is Jaime Kelly, 448-2873

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C-17 Globemaster III crews from Hickam Air Force Base participated in Talisman Saber which ends Saturday.

## Talisman Saber winds up July 25 with airpower effort deemed a success

Story by Tech. Sgt. Kerry Jackson  
13th Air Force Air Force Southern

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, HAWAII— The 13th Air Force here was the airpower nerve center during Talisman Saber 2009, a bilateral command post and field-training exercise between U.S. and Australian forces that concluded July 25.

The two-week exercise, held jointly by U.S. Pacific Command and the Australian Defence Force, focused on crisis-action planning and execution of contingency response operations. It was designed to maintain a high level of interoperability between U.S. and Australian force.

Talisman Saber 2009 included more than 10,000 Australian land and naval forces and 20,000 U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, and

Marine Corps servicemembers training in both Australia and the United States.

"The partnership we share with our Australian allies extends more than 100 years and includes every major conflict," said Brig. Gen. Doug Owens, vice commander of the 13th Air Force and the exercise's Combined Forces Air Component Commander. "Talisman Saber helps us train and integrate our forces for tomorrow's fight."

The field-training exercise portion of Talisman Saber 2009 was concentrated in the Shoalwater Bay Training Area near Rockhampton in Central Queensland, as well as the Townsville Field Training Area near Townsville, Australia, where U.S. and Australian forces conducted land, sea and air training.

"It was a large, complex and

challenging exercise," said Australian Wing Commander Jason Lind, the 613th Air and Space Operations Center deputy chief of the Combat Operations Division during Talisman Saber 2009.

"Exercising joint and combined interoperability over great distances was always going to be difficult and the challenges did not stop," Wing Command Ling said. "I believe it stretched many personnel, which is what exercising is all about."

The exercise relied heavily on the far reaching capacity of the 613th AOC here to conduct the bilateral command post portion of the exercise. The 613th AOC is a FALCONER weapons system, armed with five divisions: Strategy; Combat Operations; Intelligence, Surveillance and

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## Rodeo 2009 greets Team Hickam at McChord

by Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss  
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

MCCHORD AIR FORCE BASE, Wash. — Air crew hustled to unload a 15th Airlift Wing C-17 as soon as Team Hickam put wheels on the ground at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., right on time July 18 for the 2009 Air Mobility Rodeo.

Forty total-force team members from Hickam's active-duty and Air National Guard units are hoping to bring back a trophy to stand alongside the one they won at this biennial, international competition in 2007.

This is the first year the 15th AW and 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing are partnering together to compete against 21 other U.S. and international teams, according to Capt. Mark Klohr, 715th Air Mobility Operations Group director of operations, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

"We are excited to be here," said Col. Jeff Morgan, 15th Operations Group commander, Hickam AFB. "The team is well prepared, flying well, and looking forward to hitting the ball out of the park."

After a warm welcome by Maj. Gen. Brooks Bash, the Rodeo commander and Director of Air, Space and Information Operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. and Col. Kevin Kilb, 62nd Airlift Wing commander, McChord AFB. Team Hickam showed some aloha with an exchange of Hawaii pineapple.

Now, it will be a lot of hard work for both the 15th AW and 515th AMOW competitors.

"My expectation is that they perform as well as they can and have fun, and hopefully we'll bring home a trophy," Colonel Morgan said. "It's going to be a long, exciting week. Well try to make sure the crews pace themselves so they are as strong and excited at the end as they were at the beginning."

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## Guam honors fallen aircrew with memorial

by Tech. Sgt. Brian Bahret  
36th Wing Public Affairs

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — As Guam made preparations to celebrate the island's 65th anniversary of liberation from foreign occupation, government, civilian and military officials paused July 20 to remember the six Airmen of "Raider 21" who died when their B-52 Stratofortress crashed one year ago.

Representatives from the Government of Guam, Guam Chamber of Commerce, Armed Forces Committee, Andersen Civilian Advisory Council and Andersen military members hosted a ceremony honoring the memory of the six Airmen who died in a B-52 accident July 21, 2008. Approximately 300 people, including military members representing all of the services, Guam residents, and family representing each Airman aboard Raider 21 were present.

"Let no one doubt the value of the lives that these men lived," said Brig. Gen. Phil Ruhlman, 36th Wing commander. "The crew of Raider 21 gave their lives in the defense of this great nation."

The aircrew was deployed to Andersen



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Nichelle Anderson

**Ursula Martin, with children Guahan (center) and Gemini, reflect on the life of their loving husband and father, Col. George Martin, July 20 during a memorial unveiling ceremony at the Governor's Complex at Adelup Point in Hagatna, Guam. More than 300 family, friends and guests attended to remember the six aircrew members of the B-52 Stratofortress.**

in support of the U.S. Pacific Command's Continuous Bomber Presence.

"They gave their lives deterring any

advisory and assuring all our allies and partners," General Ruhlman said. "What they did was essential to America's defense as it was back in 1944, as it was during the Vietnam War, as it will be in the future."

Raider 21 was offered full military honors during the ceremony. Aircrews from the 36th Operations Group also paid their final respects. A four-ship of F-22 Raptors performed a missing man formation while flying over the memorial site followed by a B-52 Stratofortress.

In addition to the military honors, civilian and military officials unveiled a memorial dedicated to the aircrew.

"The monument is a symbol of our community's appreciation of the lives of these brave men who proudly served America in the cause of freedom," said Guam's Governor Felix Camacho. "No words can describe the loss of a loved one, but to the family and friends of these admirable men, please note, that your family - the people of Guam - appreciate them and will continue to keep you in our hearts and prayers."

General Ruhlman thanked the

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# Hawaii Guard gives Pacific Angel a lift



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young

Medical and engineering Airmen from various bases across the Air Force get some rest aboard a C-17 Globemaster III July 15 en route to Kupang, Indonesia. An aircrew from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, delivered the people and equipment for the operation.

Airmen from various bases across the total force community unload their equipment and supplies from a C-17 Globemaster III after landing in Kupang, Indonesia, July 15 to support Operation Pacific Angel 2009. An aircrew from the Hawaii Air National Guard's 204th Airlift Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, delivered the people and equipment for the operation. Pacific Angel is a Pacific Air Forces humanitarian assistance operation in the Asia-Pacific region led by 13th Air Force at Hickam AFB.

U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young

by Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young  
Defense Media Activity-Hawaii

KUPANG, Indonesia — More than 80 U.S. Air Force active duty, Air National Guard and reserve medical and engineering personnel are providing humanitarian assistance with local authorities in Indonesia and Timor Leste, all thanks to a “lift” by the Hawaii Air National Guard. A C-17Globemaster III aircrew from the HI-ANG's 204th Airlift Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, dropped off the

Operation Pacific Angel 2009 team here July 15. Pacific Angel is a Pacific Air Forces humanitarian assistance operation in the Asia-Pacific region led by 13th Air Force at Hickam AFB. Two Pacific Angel teams are operating through July 24 - one here and another in Timor Leste. “I like this mission because we have a humanitarian [operation], and we are carrying doctors and nurses,” said 14-year Guardsman and lead loadmaster Master Sgt. Joseph Salvador, a native of Oahu, Hawaii. The C-17 crew dropped

off two groups to support Pacific Angel. One group remained in Kupang while the other group moved on to Dili, Timor Leste. The second group was transported to Dili by way of a C-130 Hercules aircrew from the 176th Wing at

Kulis Air National Guard Base, Alaska. “It’s cool that we get to help support this group that is going to provide humanitarian relief,” said six-year loadmaster Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Kido of Oahu, Hawaii.



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. LuCelia Ball

## Emperor of Japan Lands at Hickam

Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, the Royal Couple of Japan, arrive at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, July 14 during a visit to the state. In place to greet them were Navy Adm. Timothy Keating, U.S. Pacific Command commander, Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle and Col. Giovanni Tuck, 15th Airlift Wing commander. Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko also laid a wreath at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific during their visit.

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**Kukini:** Meaning swift and valued messenger, the Kukini in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.

# Navy, Air Force working together on Lehua Way road construction project

from Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Hawai'i

NAVAL STATION PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — In a preview of capabilities that Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam will bring, the 15th Civil Engineer Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Hawai'i, and Fleet Industrial Supply Center (FISC), Pearl Harbor teamed up to finish a road project on Lehua Way on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. In late June, NAVFAC, Hawai'i wastewater division replaced about 350 linear feet of 18-inch forced sewer main under Lehua Way near the Hale Alii housing area on Naval Station Pearl Harbor.



(U.S. Navy photo/James Johnson)

The 15th Civil Engineer Squadron at Hickam Air Force Base teamed up with Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i, Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor, and the contractor SAIC to finish a road project on Lehua Way at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

Due to the visibility of the project and the upcoming Forth of July celebration, the crew had less than one week to repave the area. The plan had been to use in-house

necessary equipment to properly pave the street in the limited timeframe. However, Hickam Air Force Base's 15th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES) had a box spreader and 12-ton roller that allows them to pave streets up to 16 feet wide. They stepped up to provide NAVFAC Hawai'i the assistance it needed. With support from the Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Pearl Harbor and contractor SAIC to purchase the asphalt in three days, the project came together and was completed on July 1 - less than a week after the issue was initiated. Mahalo to all who came forward to make this happen, especially the 15th CES. Teamwork in action!

forces to pave the street, but the trench was more than eight feet wide - significantly wider than initially planned. NAVFAC Hawai'i quickly determined that it lacked the

# All eyes on total force Pacific Angel team

by Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young  
Defense Media Activity-Hawaii

DILI, Timor Leste — A total force team of U.S. military eye specialists is working together here to improve the eyesight of local East Timorese people as part of Operation Pacific Angel 2009.

Pacific Angel is a Pacific Air Forces humanitarian assistance operation in the Asia-Pacific region led by 13th Air Force at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. Two Pacific Angel teams are operating through July 24 - one here and another in Indonesia.

“My role here on this mission as an optometrist is to provide basic eye care services to the East Timorese people,” said Maj. Brian Kemper, a native of Eagle River, Alaska. Major Kemper is assigned to the 3rd Aerospace Medicine Squadron at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

“We’re providing eye-glasses, medication and referrals for surgery to the national hospital [in Timor Leste],” said Major Kemper.

The four members of the optometry section have helped hundreds of people as of July 20, according to Maj. Kemper.

“We’ve been able to provide 800 people with eye ware that wouldn’t have had access to treatment or would have lacked the funds to

purchase glasses,” Major Kemper added.

Active duty, reserve and national guard members make up the total force team, who have come to Indonesia from all around the globe.

“I’m active duty, and we have a reserve optometrist from Florida, an active duty technician from South Korea, and a guard technician from Georgia,” said Major Kemper.

Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Kapheim, an optometry technician from the Air National Guard’s 165th Medical Group in



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young

**An East Timorese woman verifies her vision has improved thanks to a new pair of glasses after being seen by U.S. Air Force eye specialists at a clinic in Dili, Timor Leste, July 20. The clinic was set up as part of Operation Pacific Angel 2009, a Pacific Air Forces humanitarian assistance operation in the Asia-Pacific region led by 13th Air Force at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.**



US Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young

**An East Timorese man smiles as he notices an improvement in his vision thanks to new glasses provided by Capt. Joni Scott-Weideman (center) and Staff Sgt. Jacqueline Crenmins (right) at a clinic in Dili, Timor Leste, July 20. The two Airmen are part Operation Pacific Angel 2009 a Pacific Air Forces humanitarian assistance operation in the Asia-Pacific region led by 13th Air Force at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.**

Savannah, Ga., said such total force teams are valuable to the nation.

“I believe the guard and

reserve complement the active duty Air Force in a great way,” said Sergeant Kapheim. “Everyone has

been fantastic and everything has been seamless because we are all here for the same mission.”

Major Kemper said he has been impressed with team’s performance and commitment to working with local authorities to help the East Timorese people.

“We’ve been able to get a lot of good training, and the technicians have really stepped up and done an

amazing job working over and above what they may have done at their home station,” said Major Kemper.

The operation has been a memorable one for all the members of the team, Sergeant Kapheim said.

“The experience here has been very fun, very rewarding and a learning experience because I met the locals and worked with interpreters,” said Sergeant

Kapheim.

The optometry team has epitomized the Air Force’s total force with their success providing needed optometry assistance to people in under served areas here during Pacific Angel.

“It’s rewarding seeing their faces when...you’ve improved their vision, which is going to help improve their life outside of here,” added Sergeant Kapheim.



TEAM, From A1



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss

Team Hickam's 15th Airlift Wing and 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing competitors arrive at McChord AFB July 18 for the Air Mobility Rodeo 2009. Accompanying the Rodeo team are Steve Wood and Friends of Hickam members Anthony Ramos and Quan Nguyen. The Air Mobility Rodeo, held every two years, provides an excellent opportunity in both a friendly and competitive environment for forces from around the world to come together in order to hone necessary skills to successfully execute Air Mobility operations.

"We're ready to get started," said Captain Klohr. "We put lots of time and preparation into it, and we're glad to be here."

Team Hickam's two units will compete together in the Engines Running On/Off Load event, better known as the ERO. The integration of teams has taken seven weeks of intense practice and relation-



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Carolyn Viss

Senior Airman Andrew Cramer, 732th Air Mobility Squadron, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, performs push-ups for a physical fitness test at the Air Mobility Rodeo 2009 at McChord Air Force Base, Wash. He is an aerial porter, part of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing team which trained at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Tom Czerwinski

Tech. Sgt. Jake Ness, a member of Hickam's 2009 Air Mobility Rodeo Team, finishes a fitness test at McChord Air Force Base, Wash., July 19. He is a flying crew chief/hydraulic craftsman with the 15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and part of Hickam Air Force Base's C-17 maintenance crew.



ship-building for the Pacific aerial porters and 15th AW, according to Captain Klohr.

Building relationships is what the Rodeo is about, said Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, Air Mobility Command, commander. He said the total force is what makes a difference - active duty, guard, reserve, civilian, and international members.

"This is a competition, and teams will be judged on all aspects of core competencies," he said. "We will all win if we identify, and share procedures tactics and techniques that improve mission success and efficiency around the world. Making things better together is what this event is all about."

According to Captain Klohr, the expectation for Team Hickam is to represent the wing well.

"They've practiced hard, and if they compete the way we practiced they'll do well."

The 2009 Air Mobility Command Rodeo, featuring international teams from Belgium, Germany, Malaysia, Israel, Republic of Korea, Turkey and Spain, is taking place from July 19-25.

**GUAM,** From A1



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Courtney Witt

**ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam - Brig. Gen. Phil Ruhlman, 36th Wing commander, speaks about the dedication of the Raider 21 aircrew to the family, friends and fellow co-workers during the unveiling ceremony at the Governor's Complex at Adelup Point in Hagatna, Guam, July 20. Family, friends and co-workers of Raider 21 along with Team Andersen and Guam community members honored the memory of the Raider 21 aircrew with a ceremony and an unveiling of a memorial dedicated to the Airmen.**

Government of Guam, the Chamber of Commerce and all the entities who helped coordinate the memorial and organize the ceremony.

"This memorial of the crew of Raider 21 would not have been possible without the

efforts of many people," said General Ruhlman. "Words cannot express the gratitude that the families feel and that we feel for everything that you've done."

The ceremony was also an opportunity for the Air Force

to recognize Reina Leddy, Guam Chamber of Commerce president, who died July 2 while serv-

ing the island. According to General Ruhlman, Ms. Leddy was a driving force behind the monument.

"This was her vision," he said. "Today, we remember Reina, because she remembered Raider 21."

Ms. Leddy's memorial came in the form of a latte stone, a symbol of Guam's history, with the names of the Raider 21 aircrew etched on its surface: Col. George Martin, 36th Medical Group deputy commander and chief of aerospace medicine; Maj. Christopher Cooper, 96th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron aircraft commander; Capt. Michael Dodson, 20th EBS copilot; Maj. Brent Williams, 96th EBS radar navigator; 1st Lt. Joshua Shepherd, 20th EBS navigator; 1st Lt. Robert Gerren, 20th EBS electronic warfare officer.

"This memorial is simple in form, yet strikingly symbolic on many levels," said Lt. Col. Kieran "Denny" Denehan, 36th Operations Group deputy commander and ceremony narrator. "Its design is that of the latte stone - a symbol representing a support or foundation in Chamorro culture - and represents the long lasting mutual rapport and foundation of trust between our military and our friends in the Guam community."

Guam Congressional Delegate Madeleine Bordallo

said the memorial is a fitting tribute to those who continue to serve.

"We ... dedicate this beautiful monument in honor of those Airmen in the same way we commemorate and honor those who made that very first Liberation Day and every Liberation Day since a reality," she said.

She added that it's a "fitting memorial to those Airmen who were fulfilling their duties in Defense of our nation. This monument will always remind of us of the bravery and sacrifices of our men in uniform and that they've made in the name of peace, freedom and America."

Congresswoman Bordallo offered her condolences to the family and friends of Raider 21.

"As a people and culture who value family above all else, the Guamanian family knows and understands the sorrow and the pain of your loss," she said. "But know that every time this monument is visited, especially by those who understand its meaning and its purpose, there will be prayers and remembrances for those to whom it is dedicated. Because of their gallantry and sacrifice, they will forever be a part of our island family."



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Corporation has made a generous \$25 million donation to supply free SAT/ACT test prep software worth \$200 to active duty, reserve, retired, guard, and their families. Eligible recipients may order software at [www.eKnowledge.com/military](http://www.eKnowledge.com/military). For more information please contact Lori Caputo at 770-992-0900 or at [LoriCaputo@eKnowledge.com](mailto:LoriCaputo@eKnowledge.com)

**Hickam Hurricanes Swim Team Head Coach Vacancy** – Paid position, work schedule 3:30pm to 5:30pm, Monday through Friday, one to two weekends a month for swim meets. Requirements: Ability to coach youths ages 5 to 18. Full knowledge of competitive swimming strokes and techniques is required. Have or obtain Lifeguard, CPR and First Aid Certifications. Send resume to Julie Fager, [fagerfam@hotmail.com](mailto:fagerfam@hotmail.com). See our website at [www.hickamhurricanes.com](http://www.hickamhurricanes.com)

**Get a Special Military 0013 Discount** – “The Wedding Singer” live on stage! 8 pm, July 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 & 25 and 4 pm, July 12, 19 & 26; 3 pm, July 18 & 25 at Diamond Head Theatre, HNL, HI. Active duty military and their DOD card-holding family members can purchase two tickets for only \$22, a special discount offered under the EUDL 0013 Program. For more information, contact Marisela Jiménez at 808-218-8492 or [marisela.doyle@us.army.mil](mailto:marisela.doyle@us.army.mil)

**Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP)** – Spouses of active duty Air Force members may be eligible for STAP funds to go to college. Applications will be accepted from 6 Jul to 24 Jul 2009 for classes with a term start date of Aug/Sep 2009. Applications available in Hangar 2, Rm 103 or online at [www2.hickam.af.mil/units/15mssaafrr/index.asp](http://www2.hickam.af.mil/units/15mssaafrr/index.asp) under Air Force Aid Society. Any questions, contact the Force Development Flight at [15mss.dpe@hickam.af.mil](mailto:15mss.dpe@hickam.af.mil).

**Tempest Training, 12-13 Aug, 0800-1630, Bldg 1102 E-WING Confirm** – The 692 Intelligence Group is hosting TEMPEST training. If your unit requires annual training, please contact SSgt Jenet Akerson at 449-2072. Seating is limited. NOTE- Training is classified SECRET/NOFORN - please have your security manager generate a clearance letter and send it to [jenet.aker-son@hickam.af.mil](mailto:jenet.aker-son@hickam.af.mil)

**FTAC Class 09-9 Enrollment** – FTAC Class 09-9 (27 Jul - 7 Aug) is ongoing – Please contact the First Term Airmen’s Center at 448-4643 or email [15MSS.FTAC@hickam.af.mil](mailto:15MSS.FTAC@hickam.af.mil) to enroll your Airmen for this or any FTAC class.

**Friends Of The Library** – Next sale is on 25 Jul. Sale will be held across the street from the craft center and next to the Airman’s Attic. Hard-Covers /Soft-covers / children’s books / VHS Movies and more available! For information email: [ian.larsen@hickam.af.mil](mailto:ian.larsen@hickam.af.mil)

**CCAF Cutoff Date For Fall Diploma Printing** – To be considered part of the CCAF April class, CCAF must receive all documentation (official transcripts) for degree candidate submissions by 28 Aug. This is for diplomas to be printed in Oct.

Hickam’s annual CCAF graduation ceremony will be in May 2010. Questions about CCAF contact Mr. Smith at [timothy.smith2@hickam.af.mil](mailto:timothy.smith2@hickam.af.mil) or call 449-6363 x221

**Ice Hockey Team Forming** – Hickam Air Force Base Airmen looking to play on an ice hockey team that will compete in the local community should contact 2nd Lt. Jason Smith at [jason.smith.1@hickam.af.mil](mailto:jason.smith.1@hickam.af.mil) or 449-1522. Players at all talent levels are welcomed as the level the team will compete at has not yet been determined.

**Bowling Tournament** – The Hickam Airmen Against Drunk Driving and Hawaii First Sergeant’s Council are Sponsoring a 7 Aug 09 Bowling Tournament. Bowling will begin at 1200 at the Hickam Bowling Alley. Please see your unit First Sergeant to sign-up.

**The 735 Air Mobility Squadron Change Of Command** – Ceremony is scheduled for the 27 Jul 09/1000 at Missing Man Formation Hickam AFB

**HQ PACAF Top III Is Hosting a Coed One-Pitch Softball Tournament** – 15 August at the Hickam softball fields. Please contact SMSgt Brendan Leach or MSgt Linda Poe for your team entry information. This is a ‘no fee’ tournament, just come out and have some fun.

**15 AW Air Force Ball Present Softball Tournament** – 22-23 Aug, \$200.00 per Team entry Fee. Put a team together and come out and support this year’s Air Force Ball. Food and beverage booth will be present. Register by 7 Aug 09 by contacting SSgt Fair @ 449-2294, [becky.fair@hickam.af.mil](mailto:becky.fair@hickam.af.mil), SMSgt Piotrowski @ 448-6129 [brian.piotrowski@hickam.af.mil](mailto:brian.piotrowski@hickam.af.mil), or SSgt Moody @

448-6337, [chariot.moody@hickam.af.mil](mailto:chariot.moody@hickam.af.mil)

**PACAF Air Force Birthday Ball** – The 2009 PACAF Birthday Ball will be held 18 Sept at the Sheraton Waikiki Resort. A special guest appearance by the AF Thunderbirds during the social hour. Tickets go on sale 3-28 August. E1-E4=\$20; GS1-GS9/NSPS Pay Band 1/E5-E6=\$35; E7-E8=\$40; E9=\$55; GS10-12/NSPS Pay Band 2/O1-O3=\$50; GS13-14/O4-O5=\$60; GS15>/NSPS Pay Band 3/O6>=\$65. For tickets contact your local AF Ball Representative, 449-8529. If you have any question regarding this event please direct them to Maj Kimberly Grover via email at [kimberly.grover@hickam.af.mil](mailto:kimberly.grover@hickam.af.mil)

**Hickam AFB Open House!!** – The 2009 Hickam AFB Open House will be held 19 and 20 September. The USAF Thunderbirds and the USA Golden Knights will be performing at this year’s event! POC for the Open House is Lt Col Scott Weber, [scott.weber@hickam.af.mil](mailto:scott.weber@hickam.af.mil)

**Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers Needed** – The Sports & Fitness Center needs volunteers for 4th Annual Hickam Half Marathon, 15 Aug, 0500-1000. The event starts at Earhart Sports Complex. Volunteers for set up, bicycle safety patrol, water distro, food set-up/distro, main gate escorts, & road guards. Email [CMSgtCamp@hickam.af.mil](mailto:CMSgtCamp@hickam.af.mil)

**TALISMAN, From A1**



**Best seat in the house-** Taken from the window of the Boom Operator in the Boom Pod, A C-17 from 15 Airlift Wing, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, is at 24,000 feet refuelling with a KC-135 from 909th Air Refuelling Squadron Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

Reconnaissance; and Air Mobility. As a weapon system, the 613th AOC developed strategy plans and control processes necessary to employ air, space and information forces to achieve desired effects during Talisman Saber 2009. “The AOC is a very important cog in the wheel of Talisman Saber 2009,” said Wing Commander Lind. “I believe the goal of maintaining interoperability between U.S. and Australian forces was

met in the AOC—we worked very well together due to our similar systems, tactics, techniques and procedures, and our cultural backgrounds. On a social level, I found my U.S. colleagues to be very friendly and accommodating in every way.” Talisman Saber is held biannually across six locations in northern and central Australia, the Coral Sea, and in Honolulu, Denver, and Suffolk, Va.



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**Sky High**

The U.S. Air Force’s precision flying team, The Thunderbirds, fly in formation during a practice run off Waikiki in September 2007.